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CELEBRATED as Lake Champlain is for its natural beauty and its energetic life, it is even more celebrated for its history. Song and story and legend; forts and battlefields; heroisms and tragedies which stir and appal mankind; and victories of the utmost importance to America and to all civilization, are all associated with Lake Champlain. It is hardly too much to say that upon its beautiful waters the American navy was born, that it witnessed the contests which decided successively that the Iroquois and not the Algonquins or the Hurons, that civilization and not savagery, that the English and not the French, that the Republic of the United States and not the British Empire, should be dominant in the western continent.

A brief biographical sketch of its discoverer will be of interest as well as a short account of some of the conflicts waged on its waters and along its shores.

SAMUEL CHAMPLAIN.

Samuel Champlain, foremost among the founders of Canada, was born at Brouage, France, in 1537, the son of a sea captain. His first voyage was to Spain in 1598.

In 1599 he started on a two year's cruise to Cuba and Panama and in 1603 made a voyage up the St. Lawrence. During the years following he made several voyages between France and America.

It was in 1606 that he cruised along the New England Coast, making the first authentic map of that region.

He founded Quebec in 1608, and in July, 1609, he discovered Lake Champlain and Vermont.

In 1613 he explored the Ottawa River, and in 1615 discovered Lakes Ontario and Huron.

The time between this date and the year 1633, when he was made Governor of Canada, was spent in France, in Canada and in making explorations.

His discovery of Lake Champlain was about two months earlier than Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River.

He is said to have crossed the Atlantic Ocean twenty times, and was the first man to introduce the Christian religion among the Northern Indians, bringing to them four Franciscan Missionaries in 1615.

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd, AT VERGENNES.

4.00 A. M. Mounted heralds and Men of the Watch will appear in the streets costumed as in the time of Champlain, blowing French horns, and announcing that the day of the celebration has arrived.

Sunrise. Salute of 100 guns will be fired.

8.30 A. M. Steamer leaves the wharf for Ft. Cassin, with a delegation and friends, to dedicate a monument erected to the memory of Champlain and Lt. Cassin.

10.00 A. M. Mass at St. Peter's Church with appropriate sermon.

11.30 A. M. Athletic sports.

1.00 P. M. The parade will form on Main St. near the Norton House and pass through the principal streets.

2.30 P. M. Exercises in the Park, Oration and grand chorus of 200 voices.

3.30 P. M. Baseball on the Fair Grounds.

6.30 P. M. Banquet in City Hall.

9.00 P. M. Fire-works.

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd, SWANTON'S CELEBRATION.

Sunrise—National salute.

8.30 A. M. Procession formed to proceed by both land and water routes to the site of the old Indian village of the St. Francis tribe, where a monument will be dedicated to mark the site of the first permanent church building erected in Vermont.

9.30 A. M. Dedication ceremonies and unveiling of monument.

11.00 A. M. River parade by the Missisquoi Yacht and Canoe Club. The canoes will be manned by Indians, dressed in historic costumes.

11.30 A. M. Parade of floats representing town history, accompanied by Indians, automobiles, local organizations, St. Johns, Que., band of 25 pieces, and the St. Albans band of 25 pieces; parade of horrors.

1.30 P. M. Historic addresses touching on the events marked by the day's celebration.

2.30 P. M. Program of games. The band of Indians will also give native songs and dances.

3.30 P. M. Baseball game between the Swanton team and the Indians, after which the Indians will give war dances and songs.

7.00 P. M. Concert in the park by the St. Johns' and St. Albans bands.

9.00 P. M. Illuminated canoe parade on the river.

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CHAMPLAIN SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1909.

St. Joseph's Church, Allen Street, Rector, Rt. Rev. Jerome M. Cloarec; First Assistant, Rev. J. A. L'Couture; Second Assistant, Rev. J. M. Billon.
Memorial Mass in memory of Samuel de Champlain.

12.30 P. M., Sunday, July 4, 1909.
Confirmation administered and benediction pronounced by Rt. Rev. Bishop Racicot, Bishop of Montreal.

Celebrant of Mass, Rt. Rev. J. M. Cloarec. Sermon, Rev. Father Aubin.
Music by Champlain Tercentenary Choir, aided by organ and Waterman's full orchestra.

1. Asperges, Gregorian, Male Chorus.
2. Kyrie and Gloria from de Monti's favorite Mass in b. Duetto; Soprano, Miss Katherine McCaffrey; Alto, Mrs. Mary McGrath.

Solos: Soprano, Mrs. John Shanley, Miss Agnes Dooley.
Solos: Tenors, Mr. Clifford C. Beaupre, Mr. N. D. Blake.
3. Credo from Theo. de la Hache's Mass in honor of St. Louis.
Trio: Soprano, Miss Diana L. Blondin; Alto, Mrs. Mary McGrath; Tenor, Mr. Edward Dupaw.

Quartette: First Tenor, Mr. N. D. Blake; Second Tenor, Mr. Edward Dupaw; First Bass, Mr. N. J. St. Pierre; Second Bass, Mr. J. R. Roberts.

Solo: Soprano, Mrs. G. O. Coutu.
Solo: Alto, Mrs. F. W. Whitcomb.
Solo: Tenor, Mr. Edward Dupaw.
Solo: Bass, Mr. N. J. St. Pierre.
Offertory.

4. Sitio. Fifth word of the seven last words of Christ, by Theodore Du Bois.
Solo: Baritone, Dr. G. O. Coutu.
Solo: Tenor, Mr. N. D. Blake.

Quartette: First Tenor, Mr. N. D. Blake; Second Tenor, Mr. C. C. Beaupre; First Bass, Dr. G. O. Coutu; Second Bass, Mr. J. R. Roberts.

5. Sanctus and Benedictus, from Ch. Gmud's Messe Solennelle to Ste. Cecilia.
Solos: Tenor, Mr. H. Lathe; Soprano, Mrs. G. O. Coutu.

6. Agnus Dei, from Theo. de la Hache's Mass in honor of St. Louis.
Chorus.

7. Te Deum, by Victor Hammerel.
Solos: Bass, Mr. E. C. Moffatt; Tenor, Mr. H. Lathe; Soprano, Miss Agnes Dooley; Alto, Miss K. B. Hagar.

8. Tantum Ergo. Lambillotte.
Chorus.
9. Laudate. Le Jeal.
Chorus.

Choir Director, Mr. E. J. Beaupre; Organist, Mr. F. J. Beaupre; Orchestra Leader, Mr. Bert Waterman.

AT THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

7.30 and 10.30 A. M. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. G. Y. Bliss, D. D., rector, sermon by the Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, Bishop of Vermont.

10.30 A. M. At the First Church, the Rev. E. G. Guthrie, minister, sermon by the Rev. G. G. Atkins, D. D., of Detroit, Mich.

10.30 A. M. At the Unitarian Church, the Rev. C. J. Staples, pastor, sermon by the Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D. D., preacher at Harvard University and pastor of the First Parish at Cambridge, Mass.

10.30 A. M. At the Methodist Church, the Rev. C. V. Grismer, D. D., pastor, sermon by the Pastor.

10.30 A. M. At the Baptist Church, the Rev. F. D. Penney, D. D., pastor, sermon by the Pastor.

10.30 A. M. At the College Street Church, sermon by the pastor, the Rev. I. C. Smart. Special musical program.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

6.00 A. M. Sunrise salute and ringing of bells throughout the city.
9.30 A. M. Band concert in City Hall Park.

9.30 A. M. Decorated automobile parade of Burlington Automobile Club carrying children of Providence Orphan Asylum and Home for Destitute Children.

10.00 A. M. Ascension of airship.

10.30 A. M. Literary exercises at City Hall Park with addresses by distinguished speakers, and patriotic songs by 200 public school children.

11.30 A. M. Grand military and civic parade with floats: Review by Gov. Prouty and staff, and City Council. First Squadron, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A., Major William A. Mercer, commanding. Vermont National Guard, Col. J. Gray Estey, commanding. Ancient Order of Hibernians, B. N. O'Brien, president. Catholic Young Men's Union, J. P. Cummings, president. Fraternal Order of Eagles, C. P. Dion, president. Modern Woodmen of America, Oscar Heininger, consul. United Commercial Travelers, F. F. Barrows, senior consul. United Spanish War Veterans, J. W. Loughton, department commander. Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, R. M. Williams, president. Burlington Fire Department, C. A. Niles, chief engineer. Students of Berkeley School, Camp Champlain. Students of the Barnard School, Camp Iroquois, Capt. W. L. Hazen, commanding.

2.00 P. M. Grand concert by Montpelier Fife and Drum Corps, with patriotic Tableau, on City Hall Park.

2.30 P. M. Airship ascension.

3.30 P. M. Great Marathon Race (26 miles) on Centennial Field. Johnny Hayes, Black Hawk, Pat Dineen, Ted Crook, runners. \$1,000 prize.

Evening. Grand band concert at the lake and Pain's fireworks.

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TUESDAY, JULY 6.

CELEBRATION OF FRENCH SOCIETIES.

- 9.00 A. M. Band concert at City Hall Park.
- 9.30 A. M. Airship ascension at City Market Ground.
- 10.00 A. M. Literary exercises in French, City Hall Park.
- 1.00 P. M. Grand street parade of local and visiting organizations.
- 2.30 P. M. Reception of local to visiting societies.
- 3.00 P. M. Baseball game at Centennial Field.
- 3.30 P. M. Airship ascension at City Market grounds.
- Evening. Grand band concert.
- 8.30 P. M. Illuminated boat parade followed by fireworks.

THE TRICENTENARY REGATTA.

Program of races under auspices of Lake Champlain Yacht Club, morning and afternoon, \$1,600 in prize cups, races commence 9.00 A. M.

Race No. 1. Open motor boats under 12 miles, twice over five mile course; first prize, \$40 cup; second prize, \$25 cup.

Race No. 2. Open motor boats making over 12 miles an hour and under 18 miles, twice over ten mile course; first prize \$75 cup; second prize \$40 bronze shield.

Race No. 3. High speed boats making over 18 miles an hour, same course as race No. 2; first prize \$75 tantalus set; second prize, \$35 Lemaire marine glasses.

Race No. 4. High speed boats, free for all, three times over ten mile course, first prize, \$800 sterling silver punch bowl; second prize, \$100 bronze shield.

Race No. 5. Cabin cruisers and hunting cabin boats, all ratings, twice over five mile course, first prize, \$150 cup; second prize, \$75 cut glass punch bowl.

Sailing Races. Class No. 1. Open to all sail yachts 22 feet water line and over, twice over five mile course, first prize, \$75 bronze shield; second prize, \$25 Lemaire marine glasses.

Sailing Races. Class No. 2. Open to all sail yachts under 22 feet water line, same course as class No. 1, first prize, \$50 cup; second prize, \$25 camera.

There will also be rowing, canoe, swimming, tub and punt races.

The prizes are from the celebrated house of The Gorham Co., Fifth Avenue, New York City.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

PATRIOTIC AND FRATERNAL SOCIETY DAY.

- 9.00 A. M. Band concert.
- 9.30 A. M. Airship ascension at City Market grounds.
- 10.00 A. M. Parade of fraternal societies, floats and automobiles.
- 10.00 A. M. Baseball game at Centennial Field.
- 1.30 P. M. Parade of uniform companies and march to Centennial Field.
- 2.30 P. M. Competitive drill open to all uniform companies of fraternal societies, first prize, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25; fourth, \$5.
- 3.30 P. M. Ascension of airship at City Market grounds.
- 4.00 P. M. Remarks by supreme and grand officers of societies represented.
- 4.45 P. M. Athletic sports, prizes aggregating \$70.
- 8.30 P. M. Grand band concert and display of fireworks.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

10.00 A. M. Presidential party and ambassadorial and official guests escorted from King Street wharf to City Hall Park by Vermont Division of National Guard, Col. J. Gray Estey, commanding.

10.30 A. M. Literary exercises in City Hall Park, Gov. G. H. Prouty, presiding. Prayer, Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, D. D., Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont; Welcome to Vermont, Gov. G. H. Prouty; Welcome to Burlington, the Hon. James E. Burke, mayor; Remarks, Gov. Charles E. Hughes of New York; Address, Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador; Remarks, M. Jusseraud, French ambassador; Remarks, the Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, postmaster-general of Canada; Poem, Bliss Carmen; Remarks, the Hon. William H. Taft, President of the United States.

12.00 M. Review of parade by Presidential party, foreign guests, and Governors Hughes and Prouty.

1.00 P. M. Luncheon to presidential party and ambassadorial and official guests at the Ethan Allen Club by His Excellency, Gov. Prouty of Vermont.

1.00 P. M. Luncheon to New York State Legislature at the gymnasium building, University of Vermont.

1.00 P. M. Baseball game at Centennial Field.

2.30 P. M. Indian pageants followed by Indian drama "Hiawatha" at water front.

5.00 to 6.00 P. M. Inspection of the city by the Presidential party and foreign guests.

6.30 P. M. Banquet at University gymnasium, with full post-prandial features including a speech by Pres. Taft.

8.30 P. M. Indian pageants followed by Indian drama, "Hiawatha." at water front.

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FRIDAY, JULY 9.

9.00 A. M. Band concert City Hall Park.
10.00 A. M. Ascension of airship at City Market grounds.
2.30 P. M. Ascension of airship at City Market grounds.
3.00 P. M. Fast trotting races, Burlington Driving Club track.
Merchants' Cay, special trade inducements at the principal stores of the city.
Greater Vermont Exhibit, open every day and evening. Special attraction, colored stereopticon views of Vermont's scenic wonders and natural resources.
Every day and evening, Ferrari's Trained Wild Animal Shows at The Trail. Bewildering city of wonders and surprises.

SATURDAY, JULY 10.

10.00 A. M. Unveiling of a tablet to the memory of the soldiers of the War of 1812 on the main building of the University of Vermont which was used as barracks for troops in the second war against England.
The tablet will be presented by Mrs. C. S. F. Jenne of Brattleboro, State president of the Society of the Daughters of 1812, and will be accepted on the part of the University of Vermont by President M. H. Buckham. An address, entitled "1812," will be delivered by Major-General Oliver Otis Howard, U. S. A., retired.

GOVERNOR'S DAY.

At State Camp Ground, three and one-half miles N. E. of Burlington, on Trolley line to Essex Junction.
A. M. Regular Camp routine and Sanitary Inspection. Guard Mounting. Battalion and Regimental Drill.
P. M. Review by Governor Prouty and Staff. Breaking Camp and pitching Shelter Tents.

CHIEF MARSHALS OF PARADES.

July 5. Independence Day, Lt. Col. Wm. D. Beach, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A.
July 6. French Societies, Napoleon L'Heureux.
July 7. Fraternal Societies, Lt. Col. William D. Beach, 11th Cavalry, U. S. A.
July 8. Vermont State Day, Gen. S. P. Jocelyn, U. S. A., retired.

LINE OF MARCH.

MONDAY, JULY 5.

The Military and Civic Parade will form at the corner of Main and S. Union Streets at 11.30 A. M.; move north on Union St. to North St., thence west to Elmwood Ave., south to Pearl St., east to Church St., south on Church to Main St., west on Main to St. Paul St., and north on St. Paul St. to Pearl St., where the parade will be dismissed.

TUESDAY, JULY 6.

The Parade of French Societies forms at 1.30 P. M. at junction of Elmwood and Interval Aves.; proceeds south on Elmwood Ave. to Pearl St., west on Pearl to Champlain St., north on Champlain to North St., east on North to Union St., south on Union to Pearl St., west on Pearl to Church St., south on Church to College St., west on College to St. Paul St., south on St. Paul to Main St., east on Main to Union, countermarches to St. Paul, continues north on St. Paul until countermarch is completed when parade is dismissed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.

The Parade will form at the corner of Main and S. Willard Sts. at 11.30 A. M.; move north on Willard St. to North St., thence west to N. Union St., south on N. Union to Pearl St., west on Pearl to Church St., south on Church to Main St., west on Main to St. Paul St. and north on St. Paul to Pearl St., where the parade will be dismissed.

THURSDAY, JULY 8.

The Parade forms at 11 o'clock on S. Union St.; proceeds east on Main St. to N. Prospect St., north on Prospect to Pearl St., west on Pearl to St. Paul St., south on St. Paul past President Taft's reviewing stand in City Hall Park, continues south on St. Paul to King St., where parade is dismissed.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Persons desiring accommodations during the week of the Celebration should communicate with Charles E. Allen, Secretary of the Executive Committee. Those proposing to come to Burlington by automobiles should write E. A. Brodie, Secretary of the Burlington Automobile Club. For Banquet tickets write W. J. Bigelow, Chairman of Banquet Committee. For seats on the Grandstand write John J. Whalen, "The Strong." Excursion rates on all railroad and steamboat lines during Tercentenary Week. Also special trains.

Information Bureau on east side of City Hall Park.
Register at Information Bureau as soon as located, for Emergency Calls, Mail and Telegrams.

Copies of this program can be procured of G. A. Mevis, Office of Official Program, 187 College Street—up stairs.

All visiting Association men will be welcome at Y. M. C. A. rooms.
Public baths at 25 cents each may be procured at Y. M. C. A.

MAILS CLOSE.

Going South and West over Rutland R. R., 8.00 A. M., 11.25 A. M., 3.30 P. M., 9.30 P. M.
Going North over the Rutland R. R., 6.15 P. M., 9.30 P. M.
Going South and East over the Central Vt. R. R., 6.45 A. M., 10.20 A. M., 4.00 P. M., 9.30 P. M.
Going North over the Central Vt. R. R., 9.45 A. M., 4.15 P. M., 6.15 P. M., 9.30 P. M.
Over the Cambridge Junction and Burlington R. R., 6.45 A. M. 4.15 P. M.
Foreigns Mails close at 8.00 A. M., 11.25 A. M., 3.30 P. M., 9.30 P. M.
Mail for Canada closes 4.15 P. M., 6.15 P. M., 9.30 P. M.

MAILS ARRIVE.

From the South and West over the Rutland R. R., 4.00 A. M., 1.00 P. M., 4.30 P. M., 6.40 P. M., 10.45 P. M.
From the North over the Rutland R. R., 11.45 A. M., 10.10 P. M.
From the South and East over the Central Vt. R. R., 5.00 A. M., 10.50 A. M., 5.40 P. M., 7.30 P. M.
From the North over the Central Vt. R. R., 5.00 A. M., 8.05 A. M., 11.45 A. M., 5.40 P. M.
From Cambridge Junction and Burlington, 10.50 A. M., 8.55 P. M.
Foreign mails arrive at 4.00 A. M., 1.00 P. M., 6.40 P. M., 10.45 P. M.
Mail from Canada arrives 5.00 A. M., 11.45 A. M., 10.10 P. M.

AT CROWN POINT.

The ceremonies at Crown Point, Monday, July 5, will take place for the most part in the afternoon opening at about 2 o'clock. The principal speakers will be:

Gov. Charles E. Hughes, ex-Mayor Seth Low of New York City, the Hon. Albert C. Barnes, chief justice of the superior court, of Chicago, a native of Chimney Point, Vt.

Dr. Clinton Scollard will deliver the poem.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew probably will speak.

The review of the troops will take place just before the orations and the presentation of the Indian pageant will immediately follow. In the evening the pageant will be presented at the mouth of Bulwagga Bay, midway between the old forts and the village of Port Henry, and here the Pain's fireworks display will also take place.

AT FORT TICONDEROGA.

Tuesday, July 6, the scene shifts to Fort Ticonderoga, where the list of speakers is somewhat larger, consisting of:

President Taft, Vice-President James S. Sherman, Senator Elihu Root, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House, the Hon. James Bryce, Great Britain's Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Jean Jacques Jusserand, French Ambassador to this country, Governor Hughes of New York, Gov. George H. Prouty of Vermont, Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of The Outlook, who will deliver the historical address, and Percy MacKaye will read the poem.

The oratorical program will open at 1.30 P. M. The President arriving from Albany by special train at 2.30. After the addresses the afternoon pageant will be presented and at about this time the presidential and gubernatorial parties with all the guests will start for Hotel Champlain, arriving early in the evening. The Pain's fireworks display will be given at night.

AT PLATTSBURG.

At 10 A. M. will take place the reception to the President at Cliff Haven; at 11 A. M., will be held the Indian pageant, "Hiawatha"; at 12.30 P. M., the luncheon to the President at the residence of the Hon. Smith M. Weed; at 2 P. M., the military parade, infantry, cavalry, and artillery, state and federal and Canadian troops with probably naval reserves and West Point cadets. Review by the President and other distinguished guests.

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This will be followed by the addresses to be given by the President, the vice-president, Governor Hughes, Governor Prouty, the Hon. Elihu Root, the Hon. James Bryce, the Hon. J. J. Jusserand. Daniel L. Cady of New York will give the poem.

Others on the list of speakers are: The Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, postmaster-general of Canada, Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, Senator W. P. Dillingham of Vermont, Cardinal Gibbons, Rt. Rev. Bishop R. H. Nelson.

The evening presentation of "Hiawatha" will take place at 8.30 P. M., and at 9.30 the display of Pain's fire-works will be given in the harbor.

Meanwhile the banquet at Hotel Champlain will be in full swing.

The Stars and Stripes will be the chief scheme of decoration, with an abundance of British, French, and Canadian flags in honor of the guests from these lands. Music will be furnished by both the hotel orchestra and the regimental bands, two or more probably uniting in the rendition of the national airs.

ISLE LAMOTTE, FRIDAY, JULY 9.

8.00 A. M. Presidential, ambassadorial and official party leave Burlington via steamer Ticonderoga, joined by New York State Commission and guests at Plattsburg en route.

10.30 A. M. Solemn high mass sung by Right Reverend Thomas N. Burke, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N. Y.

11.45 A. M. Literary exercises: Governor G. H. Prouty, presiding Prayer: Rev. John M. Thomas, D. D., President of Middlebury College. Welcome to Vermont: Governor G. H. Prouty. Welcome to Isle Lamotte: Hon. Henry W. Hill, Albany, N. Y. Remarks: Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York. Poem: Professor John Erskine of Amherst College. Address: Hon. Wendell P. Stafford, Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Chorus: St. Albans Choral Union. Benediction: Rev. John M. Thomas, D. D.

1.30 P. M. Luncheon.

2.30 P. M. Dedication of Boulder in memory of Col. Seth Warner and Capt. Remember Baker by the Patriotic Women of Vermont.

3.30 P. M. Indian Pageants.

ODE TO VERMONT.

BY JOHN H. FLAGG.

Thy very name doth symbolize
Thy verdant peaks that proudly rise
As if to buttress with their might
The unpropped dome of heavenly light.
Thy Druid forests still conceal
The eagles that high o'er them wheel,
And shelter well the panting deer
When driven from the open near.
The beauty of thy matchless hills
The ravished eye with rapture fills,
While meadows nestle in between
As if too modest to be seen.
Thy fruitful fields and fertile plains
Bear flocks and herds and bounteous grains;
Where'er the gladdened eye may rest
The husbandman seems doubly blessed.
Thy hillside homes and hamlets all
Proclaim content and thrift withal—
Won by the hardened hand of toil
From thy well-tilled though rugged soil.
No trembling slave yet breathed thy air
Who felt his shackles bind him there,
For by thy ancient Bill of Rights*
All men stand equal on thy heights.
Such land is thine—sons of thy birth—
Whose sires with blood paid freedom's worth;
Who vanquished each invading foe,
And swept him back, or laid him low.
Thus to the fittest can we trace
Thy present sturdy, virile race,
And may it ever there remain
To rule as now o'er thy domain.
And for that land, by heaven caressed,
Where all are free and none oppressed,
Thank well those sires whose master hand
Built from thy rock and not thy sand.
And ever guard with pious care
Thy heritage as trusted heir;
Whate'er betide, here let there be
The mountain home of Liberty!

*Vermont, in July, 1777—fourteen years anterior to admission into the Union—was first of all the states and territories to prohibit slavery by constitutional provision.

AT ST. ALBANS.

St. Albans will have a Champlain tercentenary celebration Monday, July 5. The program for the day includes the following: 6:00 a. m., grand salute; 9:00 a. m., mounted heralds' ride through the streets announcing the formation of the parade; 10:30 a. m., grand allegorical parade with fraternal societies and bands of music; 1:30 p. m., oration on the park; 2:30 p. m., base ball game and field sports; 7:00 p. m., out door band concert; 8:00 p. m., exhibition drill by Modern Woodmen of America; 8:30 p. m., fireworks display; 9:00 p. m., concert and dance at city hall.

"LAKE CHAMPLAIN AS A BATTLE GROUND."

BY WALTER HILL CROCKETT.

In primitive times, when all of eastern North America was one vast forest, the navigable rivers and lakes naturally became highways of the people. Stretching north and south for more than one hundred miles Lake Champlain furnished an easy route of travel; and as the Indians of the Algonquin and Huron tribes in Canada were enemies the lake was chosen by war parties as the easiest way to reach their enemies. How long this warfare had continued we have no means of knowing. When Samuel Champlain discovered this lake, to which he gave his name, in 1609, he wrote of its large islands, formerly inhabited but abandoned since the Indians had been at war with one another.

For two centuries and more this lake was chiefly the highway for warriors—Indians, French, British and American. A war expedition gave the famous French pioneer an opportunity to see the beautiful lake of which he had heard; but the shots fired from his arquebus and from the weapons of his two white companions near Ticonderoga on July 30, 1609, made the journey a costly and a disastrous one. It made enemies of a powerful native confederation and counted heavily against the King of France in the long contest with the English for the mastery of North America which was to follow a few years later.

During a long period there were numerous forays in which Indians and French, English and Colonial soldiers participated, but it was not until the outbreak of the French and Indian War that regular campaigns were waged in the valleys of Lakes Champlain and George. In 1731 the French erected Fort St. Frederic, at Crown Point, which was considered by the English as an act of hostile incroachment upon this territory. The first contest of the war was fought at Lake George between the armies of Johnson and Dieskau in 1755 and resulted in a French defeat. The next year General Montcalm besieged and captured the English post at Fort William Henry on Lake George. Fort Carillon having been built by the French at Ticonderoga, General Abercrombie undertook its capture in 1758. With music and banners the English commander embarked on

a beautiful summer morning on the waters of Lake George with an army exceeding 15,000 in number. In marching through the dense forest covering the territory between Lakes George and Champlain a party of English soldiers who had lost their way encountered a French detachment also lost and in the skirmish that followed Lord Howe, the idol of his comrades at arms, was slain. Montcalm had defended his position, one of great natural strength, by filling across a narrow peninsula a strong *abatis* formed of trees with sharpened branches extending outward—an impenetrable thicket. All one long sultry July afternoon the sturdy Scotch Highlanders, veterans of the Black Watch Regiment, and brave Colonial soldiers, hurled themselves again and again upon this formidable barrier in the face of a murderous fire by the French artillery and musketry until the narrow neck of land was piled high with red heaps of slain. Then under cover of the darkness Abercrombie withdrew his shattered regiments and hastened to his camp at the head of Lake George.

In 1759, William Pitt assigned to General Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief of the English forces in America, the task of capturing the Champlain fortresses. Weakened by the demands of European wars, and by internal dissensions and famine in Canada, the French abandoned Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and retreated to Canada. It was in the Champlain Valley that much of the important fighting occurred which was to determine whether the continent of North America should be French or English territory, and here American officers and soldiers learned how to fight for their independence.

The initial aggressive act of the American Revolution resulting in the first lowering of the British flag in that long contest was the capture of Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and a band of Green Mountain Boys before sunrise on a May morning in 1775. Later that year Schuyler and Montgomery assembled at the captured fortress an army for the invasion of Canada, and to this same post, in 1776 the same force broken by defeat and disease, retreated from a disastrous expedition.

It was on the waters of Lake Champlain, in the fall of 1776, that the first important naval engagement of the Revolution was fought. Benedict Arnold, commanding the American fleet. Although nominally a defeat for Arnold, in reality it delayed the advance of the enemy so long that it might well be called a victory, judged by ultimate results.

In 1777, Gen. John Burgoyne with a powerful army swept up the lake, driving the scattered colonists before him like frightened creatures seeking cover. St. Clair was driven from Ticonderoga, causing general consternation throughout America. Later, after Burgoyne's surrender the English garrisons on the lake retreated hastily to Canada.

In 1814, one of the decisive battles of the War of 1812 was fought at Plattsburg between the American fleet under Commodore MacDonough and the English squadron under Captain Downie, resulting in a notable victory for the American arms. Theodore Roosevelt in writing of this contest, says that "MacDonough in this battle won a higher fame than any other commander of the war, British or American"; and adds this estimate of the man: "Down to the time of the Civil War he is the greatest figure in our naval history."

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